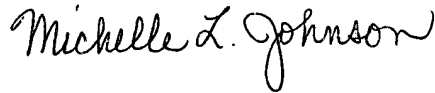


REMARKS

Claims 7-12, 15, and 18-20 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-6, 13, 14, 16, and 17 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 15 was amended so that it would no longer depend on a withdrawn claim. The phrase "encoding a Zase2 polypeptide" finds support in original claim 18 and numerous places in the specification such as page 1, lines 16-17. No new matter was added with this amendment.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that each rejection has been addressed and overcome. Reconsideration of the application and its allowance are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6627.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures:

Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in duplicate)  
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